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FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING LH-RH DERIVATIVES

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

The undersigned declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the above-identified patent application assigned to the Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.
2. Prior to December 18, 1998, we made and successfully isolated Purified leuprorelin or a salt thereof having a sum of all impurities of less than about 1% as disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.
3. That the purified leuprorelin we made and isolated prior to December 18, 1998 also included purified compositions in which the content of 5-oxo-Pro-D-His-Trp-Ser-Tyr-D-Leu-Leu-Arg-Pro-NH-CH₂-CH₃ or a salt thereof was about 0.3% or less.
4. That the purified leuprorelin we made and isolated prior to December 18, 1998 also included purified leuprorelin compositions in which the impurities were racemic isomers of the LH-RH derivatives and/or highly polar related substances.

5. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate copy of laboratory notebook records, as well as partial English translations of the notebook records, with dates deleted. The notebook records demonstrate that the purified leuporelins as described in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above were made prior to December 18, 1998. Exhibit 1 shows, among other things, methods of characterization of the purified leuporelin compositions, confirmation of reproducibility by scale-up, and analytical analysis for the purified leuporelin as described in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above. On that Exhibit 1, the references to "S3-TAP and TAP-144" designate the particular purified leuporelin compositions having less than 1 % impurities.

5. We hereby further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001), and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

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Exhibit A

武田薬品工業株式会社

° HBS-TAP (粉) ... 現場品 1A076 (P: 92.87%)

° 添加 0.25% 溶解 (30.76g)

° 後処理 PH 8.21 → 4.08 (溶解液 11.5ml)

残 HBS-TAP

0.0177% $0.04228 / 11.95 = 0.35\%$

残率 4.23% $10.085 / 11.0 = 91.68\%$

残液 91.68%

濃縮液 18.72%

11 液 85.34%

液 87.61% $1/30 = 1.58\%$ 88.73%

精製物質 (USP法)

D-Twp D-Ser D-His L-Lau

残液 1.60 0.08 0.23 0.90

濃縮液 — — 0.25 0.76

11 液 — — 0.26 0.92

液 — — 0.24 0.93 ✓

② 残液 — — 0.25 0.94

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スケルUPによる再現性の確認 (1)

従来の4塔(HP-20→CH-23→HP-20→LH-20)から1塔削減(HP-2HG→HP-20SS
→LH-20)を目的にスケルUP12新法を確認する。

HP-2HGにおよクロマト精製 CTAP→SI-TAP

詳細データ参照

結果	D-Tp3体	D-Ser4体	D-His5体	L-Leu6体	回収率	回収率
CTAP	0.01%	0.01%	0.26%	0.96%	98.98/7713	88.73%
SI-TAP	0.12%	0.03%	0.20%	0.68%	98.98/9780	86.25%

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HP-20SSに於ける St-TAP の精製

St-TAP 10279-68

HP-20SS の通液量は 150℃ 樹脂量 2割増の 175ml

詳細データシート参照

結果	D-Trp 体	D-Ser 体	D-His 体	L-Leu 体	面白%	回収率
St-TAP	0.13	0.04	0.20	不検出	99.54/99.46	90.23

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AP-144(500 工型)カラムクロマト実験装置

HP-255
1500

EXP NO. 16277-90

Sheet 1 : 81-7AP lot 1027-88

米穀消費量 2割増

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LH-20 にて精製

S2-TAP 10279-90

通液条件は現行法

詳細データシート参照

結果

	D-TAP ³ 体	D-S ₁ ⁴ 体	D-H ₃ 体	L-L ₁₆ 体	面百分	回収率
S2-TAP	0.13	0.04	0.20	N.D	99.54/99.46	90.23
S4-TAP	0.13	0.04	0.20	N.D	99.84/99.42	97.21
ALCO	0.14	0.05	0.19	N.D	99.52/99.45	

水分測定

SAMPLE NO. 54-55

LOT NO. 608

FACTOR

BUR1 2.841 MG/MG

SIZE

B-G. 0.6 MICR G

WT1 15.92153 G

WT2 15.63017 G

RESULT 3.432 %

BUR1 3.520 ML

SAMPLE NO. 144- 1

DATE 1987/12/25 10:55

SAMPLE NO. 144- 1

H2O 6287.7 49

BLANK 0 49

S SIZE 0 5

0 5

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H2O 6287.7 49

S SIZE 2.7254 3

2.7486 5 4

0.23855 3

DATE 1987/12/25 10:55

SAMPLE NO. 144- 1

H2O 6287.7 49

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2.7486 5 4

0.23855 3

H2O 6287.7 49

№-144 (500 工種) カラシクロフト製版監録

15:20 受取

EXP No. 10274-96 日期 1995.11

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Partial English Translation of Laboratory Notebook Records

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Methane sulfonic acid x 1.25

Confirmation of inhibition of His effect and preparation at reaction temp. 15°C

1. 300 ml 4-neck flask	1. tare 513.39 g
2. methane sulfonic acid 17.8+ 32.3 (1.25)	2. including washing
3. phenol 13.4 g	3.
4. cooling S	4. 8:42
5. NBS-TAP weighing	5. 12.87 g (corr. to TAP 11.0 g)
6. ditto charge (8°C or lower)	6. 8:55 (7.0) - 9:07 (8.0)
7. reaction S	7. 9:07 (9.0)
(3 Hr)	
8. finished	8. 12:08

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15. concentrated at 25°C of outer temp.

15. 15:10 (25)-15:40 (25)

615.16

613.96 f=0.9980

aqueous layer loss

0.0076g/H₂O

0.07%

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- MBS·TAP (dry) plant product Lot076 (P: 92.87%)
- potassium carbonate 0.25 min. additional dissolution (30.76 g)
- buffer pH 8.21 → 4.08 (acetic acid 11.5 ml)

remainder MBS·TAP

0.0177% 0.0422 g/11.95 = 0.35%

reaction rate	4.23%	10.085/11.0 = 91.68%	
reaction mixture		91.68%	
before concentration		78.72%	
after concentration		85.34%	
after overnight		87.61%	/.58% 88.73%

related substances (USP method)

	D-Trp	D-Ser	D-His	L-Leu
reaction mixture	1.60	0.08	0.23	0.90
before conc.	-	-	0.25	0.76
after conc.	-	-	0.26	0.92
after overnight	-	-	0.24	0.93
refrigeration		0.01	0.25	0.94

Confirmation of reproducibility by scale-up (1)

For the purpose of reducing one column (HP-2MG→HP-20SS→LH-20) from the previous 4 columns (HP-20→CH-23→HP-20→LH-20), the new process is confirmed by scale-up.

chromatographic purification by HP-2MG C-TAP→S1-TAP
cf. detailed data sheet

Results

	D-Trp ³ form	D-Ser ⁴ form	D-His ² form	L-Leu ⁶ form
C-TAP	0.01%	0.01%	0.26%	0.96%
S1-TAP	0.12%	0.03%	0.20%	0.48%
	area %	recovery		
C-TAP	93.98/77.43	88.73%		
S1-TAP	98.08/97.80	86.45%		

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AP-144 (500 Step) Column Chromatography Experimental Record
 HP-2MG 5°C passage (jacket)
 EXP No. 10279-88 resin amount 400 ml

Operation		Charge		Filling		TAP-144		USP method		Remarks
No.	Time	Vol (ml)	Weight (g)	Vol (ml)	Weight (g)	Vol (ml)	Weight (g)	Vol (ml)	Weight (g)	
910	12:10	400	400			15.78	15.7	0.83	0.81	0.26
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Company's method

Related Substances (%)
(area ratio as compared
with TAP-144)high polar
substancecollection of
solution

USP method

Related Substances
(area ratio as compared
with TAP-144)

Remarks

Purification of S1-TAP by HP-20SS

S1-TAP 10279-88

HP-20SS passage temperature 15°C, resin amount 20% up 175 ml
cf. detailed data sheet

Results

	D-Trp ³ form	D-Ser ⁴ form	D-His ² form	L-Leu form
S2-TAP	0.13	0.04	0.20	not detected
	area %	recovery		
S2-TAP	99.54/99.45	90.23		

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Remarks

Purification by LH-20

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Passage conditions is the current method.
cf. detailed data sheet

Results

	D-Trp ³ form	D-Ser ⁴ form	D-His form	L-Leu ⁶ form
S3-TAP	0.13	0.04	0.20	N·D
S4-TAP	0.13	0.04	0.20	N·D
product	0.14	0.05	0.19	N·D
	area %	recovery		
S3-TAP	99.54/99.46	90.23		
S4-TAP	99.54/99.42	97.21		
product	99.52/99.45			

Moisture Measurement

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Remarks

Summary of Records

Re: Details of obtaining a solution containing TAP-144 whose impurities content is 1% or lower and D-His² form content is 0.3% or lower

D-His² form content has been already reduced to 0.3% or lower by studying de-MBS reaction conditions before purification (C-TAP), and then, impurities in TAP-144 is reduced to 1.0% or lower by chromatographic purification.

Date	Steps	Experimental method	Results	Notebook No.
	MBSTAP ↓ C-TAB (corr. to Example 1)	Purpose: To confirm effect on control of D-His ² form. Experimental method Amount of MESE charge: 1.25-fold Reaction time: 3 hrs Reaction temp.: 11°C	USP method area % D-His ² form: 0.25%	12258-18 to 19
	C-TAP ↓ S1-TAP (corr. to Example 2)	Purpose: To purify C-TAP by HP2MG. Experimental method Passage temp.: 5°C (jacket) Resin amount: 400 ml C-TAP amount: 6.31 g Solvent: 0.05M AcOH	USP method area % S1-TAP D-His ² form: 0.26%→ 0.20% TAP-144: 97.80%	10279-88 to 89
	S1-TAP ↓ S3-TAP (corr. to Example 3)	Purpose: To purify S1-TAP by HP-20SS Experimental method Passage temp.: 15°C (jacket) Resin amount: 175 ml C-TAP amount: 4.90g Solvent: 20% EtOH→ 35% EtOH	USP method area % S3-TAP D-His ² form: 0.20%→ 0.20% TAP-144: 97.80%→ 99.46%	10279-90 to 91
	S3-TAP ↓ S4-TAP (corr. to Example 4)	Purpose: To purify S3-TAP by LH-20 Experimental method (current method) Passage temp.: room temp. Resin amount: 145 ml C-TAP amount: 3.96g Solvent: 0.005N AcOH	USP method area % S4-TAP D-His ² form: 0.20%→ 0.20% TAP-144: 99.46%→ 99.42%	10279-96 to 97

Abbreviations in
Notebook

Examples in the Present Application

MBSTAP	5-oxo-L-propyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosyl- D-leucyl-L-leucyl-Nw-p-methoxybenzenesulfonyl-L-arginyl- N-ethyl-L-prolinamide
C-TAP	Aqueous solution (1) of Leuprolide
S1-TAP	Aqueous solution (2) of Leuprolide
S3-TAP	Aqueous solution (3) of Leuprolide
S4-TAP	Concentrated fractions containing leuprolide eluted with a 0.005 M aqueous solution of acetic acid